for a long time as they have a short shelf life. On the other hand, foodgrains can be stored relatively for longer period with proper storage facilities. The need for a Buffer Stock in the case of foodgrains is due to the fact that while the production is uncertain and related to the monsoons, the consumption is steadily growing. On the other hand, the production of fertilisers can be ensured subject to the limits of installed capacity and its utilisation. However, the consumption of fertilisers is influenced by the weather which leads to excess stocks in years of below normal monsoon, as is the current situation.

Aid sought by NDDB from West Germany

3046. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Dairy Development Board had sought aid from West Germany to improve the dairy infrastructure facilities including artificial insemination of cows in various States;

(b) if so, the details thereof together with quantum of aid sought and agreed to by West Germany;

(c) the reasons for non availability of indigenous aid; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to provide such aid indigenously in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Operation Flood provide artificial insemination facility in selected Dairy Cooperative Societies.

Streamlining the working of Food Corporation of India

3047. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any report has been prepared to streamline the working of the Food Corporation of India;

(b) if so, what are the details of the recommendations made in the said report; and

(c) what are the details of the recommendations which have been implemented and the reasons in case of the recommendations which have not been implemented so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Changes in land acquisition policy in Delhi

3048. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are bringing drastic changes in land acquisition policies to check unauthorised colonisation and sky rocketing of land prices in the Union Territory of Delhi; and

(b) if so, by when the said changes are likely to be brought about and what are the salient features of the said changes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Work Load in the Department of Food

3049. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that work load in the Department of Food has gone down due to transfer of Army Purchase Organisation to Ministry of Defence, Diet Nutritions Survey, delicensing of roller Flour Mills and further by making a new Ministry namely Food Processing;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there has not been any reduction in the posts of top officials namely Additional Secretary, Joint Secretaries, Directors, Deputy Secretaries and Under Secretaries etc; and

(c) if so, whether any action has been taken to effect economy, if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (c) The total strength of Group A officers in the Department before the transfer of Army Purchase Organisation and the abolition of Diet and Nutrition Survey Unit was 252. Only 6 Group-A officers were working in the Army Purchase Organisaion who were transferred along with all the subordinate officials to the Ministry of Defence. Only 5 Group-A officers were working in the DNS Unit and these posts as also other posts of subordinate officials in the Unit were abolished with the abolition of the Unit as an economy measure. Similarly, along with the work that has been transferred to the new Ministry of Food Processing Industries, all the concerned officers/staff of the level of Director/Deputy Secretary and below are being transferred to the new Ministry.

Setting up of TV transmitter in backward areas

3050. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government give priority to backward areas for installing TV Transmitters;

(b) if so, the reasons for not providing TV Transmitter at Narnaul (Haryana); and

(c) by when Government propose to set up TV Transmitter there?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BRCADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir. This is one of the criteria kept in view while locating TV transmitters in the country.

(b) and (c) Establishment of a low power TV transmitter at Narnaul in Haryana is included in the VII Plan of Doordarshan. According to frequency planning, the transmitter for Naruaul (as also for a number of other places in the country) has been assigned a UHF (Ultra High Frequency) channel of operation. The indigenous supply of this type of equipment is due to commence shortly and the TV transmitter at Narnaul is expected to be installed and commissioned into service during the current financial year (1988-89) itself.

Wastage of Milk Supplied in Poly-packs

3051. SHRI N. RAJANGAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Milk Scheme has started supplying milk in poly-packs instead of bottles in different parts of the capital including Ha'rinagar, Mayapuri, Subhashnagar, Rajouri Garden etc.;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to handling at several points poor quality of the material used and poor workmanship, milk get leaked;